The Secretary Tells How the Fleet on the Asiatio Station Co-operated With the Army in the Chinese Affair - The Fight That Was Waged Over the Price of Armor and the Ontcome.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26 - The report of Secretary of the Navy Long, made public to-day. confirms the rumor that Congress, at its coming session, will be seked for only two battleships and two armored cruisers. The report

The eneral Board, of which the Admiral of the Navy is President, recommend the following increase of the Navy: Battleships, 3; cruisers, 2: gunboate, 6; destroyers, 2; torpedo boats, 3; transport, 1; training

Pour of the five members of the Board on Construction recommend: Unsheathed bat-tieships of about 13,500 tons trial displacement. 5; unsheathed armored cruisers of about 13,-000 tons trial displacement, 2; sheathed and coppered cruisers of about 2,000 tons trial displacement, 6: sheathed and coppered gunboats of about 600 tons trial displacement, 6; sheathed and coppered light-draft gunboets of about 200 tons trial displacement, 10; colliers of about 14,500 tons displacement, 8; repair ship of about 7,500 tons displacement, 1; transport of about

7,000 tons displacement, 1. "The fifth member recommends: Sheathed and coppered battleships of about 14,000 tons trial displacement and 19 knots trial speed, 2; sheathed and coppered armored cruisers of about 14,000 tons trial displacement and 23 knots trial speed, 2: sheathed and coppered protected cruisers of about 13,500 tons trial lacement and not less than 24 knots trial speed, 2; light-draft gunboats, specially designed for river service, of about 600 tons trial displacement and 10 knots trial speed. 12.

"All the vessels thus recommended are desirable in the prospective development of our naval force. But in view of the number of large fighting vessels already authorized, some of them of them hardly begun, the Department is of opinon that Congress at its coming session should be asked for only two battleships and two armored cruisers, all of the maximum displacement specified; that at least six lightdraft gunboats and some small craft for river service are especially desirable in connection with our insular service, and that the colliers, training ships, transport and repair ship are the necessary accompaniment of the general recent increase of the Navy, both in its fighting force and in the enlarged range of its operations. The Department therefore makes its recommendation in accordance with this

Of the operations of the navy in the East the report says:

"The fleet on the Asiatic station has cooperated with the army in the Philippines, transporting and convoying troops, patrolling a wide area of badly charted waters, sending out landing parties, and keeping the coast clear of the enemy. The small gunboats have been of great value in preventing the landing of arms for the insurgents and cutting off illicit trade with and among the islands.

"The cordiality which has characterized the relations of the army and navy is shown by numerous reports from officers on duty in the Philippines, and is alike creditable to both branches of the service.

"In view of the disturbed conditions in Asiatic waters and of the demands upon the navy the Department early in the year deemed it expedient to augment the force in that quarter. The Commander in Chief of the Asiatic station, Rear Admiral Remey, was accordingly given an assistant, Rear Admiral Kempff, to insure under command of an officer of rank and experience a division of the fleet, if necessary, in quarters distant from the Philippines. Almost immediately thereafter circumstances made it necessary to maintain a separate force in Chinese waters, and the junior Rear Admiral was ordered to proceed with a squadron to

"When, therefore, an appeal for help came from the legations at Pekin this Government not only had an adequate naval force at the nearest seaport town but also was able to send forward immediately a force of marines for the protection of the United States legation. The small marine guard assigned to this duty under of fifty-six officers and men, made up of de-tachments from the United States steamships Oregon and Newark. They reached the Chinese capital in the latter part of May, only a short time before the representatives and citizens of foreign countries in that city were subjected to siege and out of from communication with

The annals of history present few examples

of more dramatic interest than the story of the beleaguered legations in Pekin from Junize, 100, 1000, the date on which the German Minister was killed and the siege began, until Aug. 14, when the allied forces entered the Chinese capital Official and unofficial reports, and particularly the despatches of our Minister, show that the American marines bore their full share in the burden of defence during this memoral in the burden of defence during this memoral in the burden of defence during this memoral was stunted just inside of and fact to this wall of the Tartar city. When the logations were assaulted the American detachment immediately occupied a besition on the city wall, a strategic point of great importance; established an improvised sandbag forthere, which enabled them to defend the section of wall immediately commanding the legations, and, although repeatedly attacked by overwhelming numbers, and on two occasions driven for a few minutes from the wall, they were never permanently dislodged, but held this vital position until relief came.

Some daysbefore the siege began, and while rallway communication with the Chinese capital was still open, arrangements had been made for the prompt despatch, for the protection of the lives and property of Americans in the city, of another and larger detachment from our fleet at Taku. This second detachment was made up chiefly of seamen under command of Capt Bowman H McCalla, United States Navy, and was ready in the early part of June 9 detachment of June 10 detachment was made up chiefly of seamen under command of Capt Bowman H McCalla, United States Navy, and was ready in the early part of June 10 detachment of June 10 d

ished with little opposition, and early porning of July 14 the walled city of was captured by the allied forces, a action, in which 22 officers and 326 der Col. R. L. Meade, participated, in Davis, United States Marine Corps,

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was killed at the side of his commanding officer in the advance trench; Capte William B. Lenly and Charles G. Long, First Lieuta Simedilev D. Butler and Henry Leonard were wounded; a sergeant, a corporal, and 2 enisted men were stilled, and a sergeant, 2 corporals, and 12 evilated men were wounded.

To record the instances of gallantry displayed by our officers and men at the capture of Tiontsin would aimors be equivalent to a publication of the entire roster.

The Chinese stronghold at Tientsin was captured early on the morning of July 14; on the same day systematic attack upon the bellequered legations at Pekin edsaed an informal truce was arranged at the instance of the Tsuns-h-hamen, communication letween the besisged and the outside world was partially reopened; the legations were offered certain supplies by the Chinese authorities, and although subjected to desultory attacks from time to time and to a fierce final assault on the tight of Aug 18 were on the following day relieved by the entrance into looking day

time to time and to a fierce final assault on the night of Aug. 18 were on the following day relieved by the entrance into I wish of the allied forces. During the time of these events both fear Admirals were in Chinese waters. Their prudence and efficiency are highly commendable. "On June 18 last the Department gave notice throughout the country, by public advertisement, for bids for armor, taming Aug. 10, 1800, for opening them. On that date they were publicly opened at the Department There were three bidders for armor, and two for armor bolts and mus. The bids for armor were the Carnegie Steel Company, Limited, of Pittsburg, Pa., the Bethlehem Steel Company of South Bethlehem, Pa., and the Midvale Steel Company of Philadelphia, Pa. The first two companies each bid the same, with the stipulation that their bids were for one-half the total quantity called for, and were not to be considered for any less quantity, deliveries to commence in six months. The Midvale Steel Company made a sliding scale of bids for varying quantities, qualifying their bids with a statement that none was to be considered unless the company received an order for 20,000 tons, deliveries to commence in twenty-six months.

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"The armor first required—namely, 7,250 tons for the Maine class of battleehips now under construction—could not be procured from the Midvale Steel Company, as it has no armor plant, and the Department could not wait twenty-six months for first deliveries, which was probably sooner than they could have been made. While, therefore, the Midvale Steel Company was the lowest bidder, its bid could not be availed of with respect to the armor required for the Maine class. Its bid was, however, practicable for armor other than that thus required but if an award to that company were made the bids of the Carnegie and Bethlehem companies would necessarily, under the conditions accompanying them, be lost to the Department.

the Department.

"Hence the only way to obtain armor for the Maine class, under the bids as submitted, was to make an award of all the armor to the Carnegie and Bethlehem companies, which were the highest bidders, or to give it all to the Midvale company and wait until the latter company could produce it. Neither of these alternatives was expedient, and consequently all the bids were rejected.

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Notwithstanding these facts, the Department, in view of the good standing of the Midvale Steel Company and the fact that it was the lowest bidder, was disposed to award to it some of the armor not required for a considerable time, if satisfactory arrangements could be made with it as to quantity and price, and with the other bidders as to supplying the remainder. To this end a call was issued for a conference of the three companies with the Department, to take place Oct. 2. They all announced their intention to be present. On the day appointed, however, no representatives of the Midvale Steel Company appeared, but a communication was received from its attorneys stating that the company, which had after the rejection of its bid filed an appeal insisting on an award, withdrew its appeal and did not desire to be further considered in connection with the matter. Representatives of the Carnegie and Bethlehem companies appeared, and, they being the only bidders remaining in the field, negotiations were opened with them.

The report says:

"After prolonged negotiations, in which the services of the Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance have been of the greatest value, and in which these companies met the Department in a spirit of reasonable adjustment, an agreement has been made with them, and now awaits signature, for Krupp process involves the Harvey patent, the validity of which is now under consideration by the courts, and it is further agreed that the Government will assume in addition any liability for the Krupp process not exceeding \$1.20 for Harvey royalty. The maximum price to the Government is, therefore \$455.52 a ton, subject to diminution in case of any reduction in the foregoing royalties.

"The bid of the above companies for this class of armor was \$490, and the price originally asked \$545. The Midvale company some time acc withdraw its bid, but it would ha

other class armor is the same as her

POLITICAL PIGHT IN NEBRASKA. Fusionists Will Try to Keep the Republican

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 26,-Plans have been adopted by the Fusion leaders to prevent Governor-elect Dietrich from taking his seat. Chairman Edmiston of the State Committee said to-night:

"Both the Populist and Democratic State Committees have decided that Dietrich's offences have been so numerous and so flagrant that the enforcement of the law becomes public duty. We are collecting evidence and are certain that he has rendered himself ineligible. He has been cuilty, according to his own statement, of violating the law, but we will not rest on that single charge, but will present others to show that he has treated voters to drinks and cigars. The method has been agreed upon, but just what it is I will not

been agreed upon, out that what it is I win hot say."

The fact is that the leaders are hesitating between whether to enjoin the Speaker of the House from opening and canvassing the returns, or to enjoin Dietrich personally from taking the oath of office. Either plan involves a wait but the surer way is that of an action against the Speaker. The fact that this is government by injunction is not considered. The Fusionists have the Supreme Court and hope to hold Gov. Poynter in. Poynter says he will not take any step in the matter himself, b'it will stand back of any prosecution by the State Committee.

TOWNE TO SUCCEED BRYAN. Latter Said to Have Chosen the Minnesota Man

for Western Democratic Leader LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 26 .- Mr. Bryan is back from his flying trip to Chicago, which was taken without a hint to any of his friends here. The ex-candidate insists that it was on private siness entirely that he went to see ex-Congressman Charles A. Towne, but there are others here who say that they discussed some public matters also. Bryan and Towne are the closest personal friends, and if Mr. Bryan has any idea of resigning the leadership of the Demo cratic party he would rather see the mantle fall on Towne than on any one else. Towne did not declare himself a Democrat until he went to Kansas City seeking the Democratic nomination for Vice-President.

The story here is that Towne is to be groomed for the Presidency in the next two or three years by Western Democrats, so that if there is no chance for Bryan's renomination he will be able to name the candidate, and he would prefer Towne above all others. Towne is a very big man among Western Fusionists, and since his frank avoval that he would be a Democrat openly henceforth his hold will be materially strengthened. cratic party he would rather see the mantle

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CHAIRMANSHIPS AT ALBANY

TO BE RETAINED BY RE-ELECTED SEX ATORS AND ASSEMBLYMEN.

gers in Kings Jacob Worth Has a Friendly falk Over His Defeat With Platt Platt. Dunn and Nixon Confer Odell Coming.

minary talks last night at the Fifth Avenue Hotel with Col. George W. Dunn, chairman of the Republican State Committee, and Speaker S. Frederick Nixon of the Assembly and other Republicans. Down in the corridors of the hotel were Superintendent of Insurance Frands Hendricks, former superintendent of Pube Works George W. Aldridge, Senator Hobart Krum of Schoharie, Senator Horace White of Onondaga, Senator James D. Feeter of Herkimer, and a great number of other Republican geniuses associated with party affairs. There will be further talks to-day when Governor-elect Benjamin B. Odell, Jr., arrives from Newburgh

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The talk last night was as to the chairmanchips of the various committees of the Senate
and the Assembly. Mr Platt, Mr. Dunn and
Mr. Niton were agreed that all reelected Senators and Assemblymen should be retained in
their present chairmanships. For instance,
Senator Francis Wayland Higgins of Cattaraugus is again to head the Finance Committee.
Senator Edgar Truman Brackett of Saratoga
is to retain his place as chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Senator Krum is again to be
head of the Committee on Taxation and Retrenchment, Senator Nevada N. Strandan of
Oswego is to remain chairman of the Committee
on Afairs of Cities, Senator John Raines of
Ontario is still to be head of the Committee
on Kailroads, Senator Cornelius R. Parsons of
Monroe is to retain his place as chairman of
the Committee on Insurance, and so on through
the list of reelected Senators

The same rule will apply to reelected Assemblymen. Mr. Alids of Chenango is to continue as chairman of the Committee on Ways
and Means, Mr. Kelsey of Livingston is to
remain at the head of the Committee on Affaire of Cities, Mr. Coughtry of Albany is to
continue as bhairman of the Insurance Committee. As to the further disposition of Republican Assemblymen on the various committees, there will be more talk to-day.

Senator Platt was asked last night concerning his recent meetings with the Hon. Jacob
Worth of Brooklyn, just defeated as the Republican candidate for Congress in the Fifth district of Kings. Mr. Platt said that it was not
necessary to zo into details, but he told of a
friendly consultation he had had with Mr.
Worth wherein Mr. Worth exonorated certain
Republicans of a preconceived scheme to knife
him. It is well known that Mr. Worth was
deliberately stabbed and cut to pieces in a district of Kings. Mr. Platt said that it was said,
there is to be a resonanization of the Republican control of the knife control of the Republicans of the kind of the recent and all hands
agree that Mr. Worth has taken his treatment
in Kin

DADY AND ATTERBURY MUSTER. Their Allies Declare That They Will

county and executive committeemen who are friendly to Atterbury and Dady at the home of State Senator Marshall last night. Delegates from nine Assembly districts were said to be present and it was declared after the meeting that they had all pledged themselves to vote for Atterbury and Dady's reelection as chairmen of the County and Executive committees. It was also said that the present chairmen were sure of the delegates from two other Assembly districts, giving them a majority of one.

Lieut .- Gov. Woodruff, who favors the election of James McKeen and Magistrate Jacob Brenner as successors to Atterbury and Dady, says that the delegates from thirteen of the Assembly districts are for the new men.

NEBRASKA'S SENATORS.

Melklejohn Says No Fusionist Will He Elected and There Will Be No Deadlock.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26 .- John D. Meikle-John, Assistant Secretary of War, who has just returned from Nebraska, where he was an active participant in the political campaign and a candidate for the United States Senate, made the following statement to-day about the Nebraska situation: "The political situation among the Repub-

licans in Nebraska is one of mutual congratulation and universal rejoicing over the triumph of Republicanism and the redemption of our State from the rule of the forces of confusion. "The result was accomplished by the united

State from the rule of the forces of confusion.

The result was accomplished by the united and untiring efforts of every Republican in the State, and the party organization was the most perfect Nebraska has ever had. The President's personal popularity lessened the labors of the party and made victory a certainty when it seemed but a probability. The visit of Senator Hanna to the State was of great assistance. The people were captivated by him, and the very pleasant impressions he made will long continue with them. Gov. Roosevelt aroused great enthusiasm that remained unabated.

"The Republicans have is out of 25 members in the Senate, giving them a majority of 6. This gives the Republicans 72 in the Joint Assembly, which elects a Senator to Congress, a majority of which is necessary for a choice. The Republicans will organize the Senate and the House and have a majority of 9 in the General Assembly, or five more than enough to elect under the Constitution. The Legislature convenes on the first Tuesday in January next. The election of Senator commences on the second Tuesday after the meeting and organization of the Legislature. If the Senate and House, woting separately, fail to make a choice by a majority of all the votes in each House, then one vote at least must be taken each day in the General Assembly of the Senate and the House until achoice is made. The Constitution of Nebraska provides that: The Legislature may provide that the general election immediately preceding the expiration of the term of a United States Senator from the State, the electors may by ballot express their preference for some person for the office of United States Senator. The votes cast for such candidates shall be canvassed and returned in the same manner as for State officers,

"The only candidate for United States Senator hos summitted his candidacy to the electors under this law was Mr. Rosewater. The two Senators to be elected will both be Republican. There is not the slightest possibility of a feadlock.

"You will have to excus

satisfied with the outlook and very muci gratified with the consideration my candidacy is receiving." GETTING READY FOR TAMMANY. Third District Republicans Early Begin Campaign Work.

Supplementing the excellent work done by the Republicans of the Third Assembly district at the recent election, and with the view of even better work for the municipal campaign next year, the Republican organization of that district has arranged for the formation of an Italian-American Republican club. A committee of representative Italians after two conferences has prepared for a larger meeting on Monday evening. Dec. 3, at which a permanent organevening, Dec. S, at which a permanent organ-ization will be formed. A clubhouse has al-ready been secured and aggressive work will be at once begun, which will undoubtedly meet with the approval of all Republicans and inde-pendents of the Third district and the entire city. There were present at the conferences Frederick Haldy, Tompkins Melivaine, Wil-liam H. Michaels, H. P. Sicardi, Victor Fontana, Antonio Maimone, Piedro Avdieoli, C. V. Ca-breza and others.

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STANDING ARMY OF MOLOOM hairman Hull Intimates That the House Bill

Will Call for That Number. Nov 26 - Chairman Hull of the House Committee on Military Affairs said to-day that the sentiment among the Retoward an army of 100,000 men. The committee will meet to-morrow to begin work Army Reorganization bill From Mr. Hull's remarks it would appear that the bill will provide for an army of 100,000 men, although fixed by the Senate committee. It is said on good authority that the President will recommend in his annual message that the standing army be increased to 100,000. The Senate Committee on Military Affairs

reorganization bill. CASUALTIES IN THE PHILIPPINES. Gen. MacArthur Reports the Death of Second

Lieut. John Kennedy. WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.-Gen. MacArthur sabled the War Department this morning from Manila, announcing the death of Second Lieut. John Kennedy, Signal Corps, by accident on

Lieut. Kennedy was appointed to the Volunteer Signal Corps from the army, May 7, 1900. He served in the army as private and corporal in Troop H, 7th Cavalry, from 1883to 1888. Afterward he served with the 11th Infantry as a sergeant of the Signal Corps. Gen. MacArthur also cables the following list

of casualties in the Philippines: "Killed-Nov. 11, Bulucan, Panay, Company L. 47th Infantry, Thomas M. Hollingsworth; Nov. 14, Amulug, Luzon, Company F, Signal Corps, U. S. A., Sergt. Robin C. Todd; Nov. 22, Montalban, Lazon, Company K, 27th Infantry, William H. Hart, Jr ; Company A, 42d Infantry, Lawrence P. Kappner.

"Wounded-Fred E. Riley, wounded in hand, slight; Company B, 27th Infantry, Sergt. Daniel Gump, loin, slight; Harry S. Gatto, wounded in hand, slight: 27th Infantry, Battalion Sergt .-Major Daniel W. W. de Cardenas, face, slight; Pantian, Luzon, Company I, 46th Infantry Charles T. Smith, wounded in arm, slight, William E. Turner, wounded in thigh, moderate; Nov. 11, Bulucan, Panay, Company L, 47th Infantry, Augustus Nelson, wounded in arm, serious; Oct 21, Guadalupe, Cebu, Company M., 19th Infantry, John D. Hoffmann, hip, severe; Cook Joseph M. Porter, wounded in thigh, slight; Nov. 19, Abucay, Luzon, Company F. 32d Infantry, John G. Loos, wounded in thigh, moderate: Oct 16, Payo, Cataduanes, Company I, 47th Infantry, Corporal John W. Jackson, wounded in head, serious; Nov. 10, Subig, Luzon, Company L. 25th Infantry, Corporal Arthur R. D. Smith, wounded in thigh, serious; Nov. 13, Santa Cruz, Luzon, Troop E, 4th Cavalry, Musician Thomas Mutuchewica, wounded in neck, serious; Nov. 16, Norsegaray, Luzon, Philippine Cavalry, Second Lieut Clarence M. Condon, wounded in chest, slight. 47th Infantry, Augustus Nelson, wounded in

RIVER AND HARBOR BILL. The Bill Will Carry \$24,000.000 -T. B. Reed

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26 .- The House Com mittee on Rivers and Harbors met this morning in executive session to discuss the draft of the River and Harbor bill. It is estimated that \$24,000,000 will be carried by the bill. The hearings were given during the last session and none will be given during this session, except possibly to the representatives from Galveston who desire to present reasons why the Government improvements destroyed or injured by the flood should be restored and the work con-

Chairman Hull of the House Committee on Chairman Hull of the House Committee on Military Affairs has called a meeting of the full committee for to-morrow morning to consider the Army Reorganization bill. The draft of this bill will provide for about 100,000 men, but this number may be reduced before the bill is presented to the House. There will be no attempt on the part of the Republicants to frame a bill without consulting the Democrats.

The sub-committee in charge of the draft of the bill to reduce the war revenue, consisting

The sub-committee in charge of the drait of the bill to reduce the war revenue, consisting of Messrs, Payne, Dalzell and Hopkins, met this morning. Ex-Speaker Reed called on the committee to-day for the purpose of ascertaining the trend of opinion in case the interest of some of the clients of his firm should be affected. Mr. Reed represented no special interest to-day. He returned to New York

LACEMAKERS TO COMB IN. Secretary Gage Decides That Dowle Is to Es-

tablish a New Industry. TON Nov. 26. -The Secret Treasury has decided, after hearing arguments

from both sides to the controversy, that the party of lace makers from Nottingham, Eng-land, who were recently detained at the port of Philadeiphia, are entitled to enter the United States. Their admission was opposed by labor

States. Their admission was opposed by labor organizations.

The party of lace makers numbered twenty-five, and was brought to this country by the Rev. Alexander Dowie, the "Divine Healer," of Chicago, who has established a town in Illinois named Zion. Dowie alleges to have contracted for machinery, which, with expenses incidental thereto, will cost \$1,000,000. He proposes to manufacture lace at Zion of the kind made in the finest lace manufacturing places abroad. In his argument submitted through his attorney, Samuel W. Packard, for admitting the immigrants, he asserted that about \$18,000,000 worth of lace was imported into the United States last year, and that only 1 per cent. of the lace used in this country is manufactured here, thus disarming the labor organizations, whose lawyers appeared against him.

him.
Secretary Gage orders the admission of the
mmigrants on the ground that a new industry
s to be established through them.

CLIFFORD PERRIN WANTS DIVORCE. Had a Fashionable Washington Wedding -Al leges Improper Conduct.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.-Clifford Perrin, formerly of Indian Territory, to-day filed in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia a petition for divorce from his wife, Mary Clagett Perrin. Their wedding, which was an event in fashionable circles, was in this city, where in fashionable circles, was in this city, where Mrs. Perrin was born and has always lived, Oct. 31, 1893. Her engagement to the late Augustus Whiting of New York was broken off a few days before the date set fortheir wedding. Shortly after this the marriage with Mr. Perrin took place. Mr. and Mrs. Perrin have one child. In his petition for divorce the plaintiff complains that his wife violated her duty by personal neglect of him, while in health and especially while he was ill: also, in frank declarations on her part that she had not any personal affection for him: also, in the continuous and persistent receiving of attentions from a certain unmarried man and, finally, in deserting him in November, 1897.

OMNIBUS PUBLIC BUILDINGS BILL. hairman Mercer Thinks One Will Be Neces sary Instead of Separate Bills.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.-Representative Mercer, chairman of the House Committee on Public Bulldings and Grounds, said to-day that while nothing had been definitely agreed upon in connection with appropriations for upon in connection with appropriations for public buildings, he believed an omnibus bill would be necessary instead of forty or fifty separate bills, as were passed during the last session of the Fifty-fifth Congress. He explained that because of the rapid increase in the price of building material and the wages of laborers employed in the construction of public buildings, many of the appropriations have proved insufficient and that an omnibus bill was necessary, in his judgment, in order to provide increased appropriations for such buildings.

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SCARCITY STAVED OFF BY THE TWO-AND-ONE-HALF INCH RAIN.

Grand Jury Looking Into the Dead Leaf Fla-

vor and Also, Perhaps, Into the Alleged Hole in the Revenues Deaths From Typhoid Are Not Above Normal in the City. Everybody in the Water Department was tickled over the big rainfall which began on Saturday morning and kept up until the middle of yesterday forenoon. Reports received from points on the Croton watershed showed that there was an average fall of two-and-onehalf inches. For the present this ends the water searcity here and in Brooklyn, but anoth r heavy rain would be welcome. Brooklyn needs it most. If another inch fall should come within the next few days before a cold speil, the officials of the Water Department feel that we could go into the winter in pretty good shape.

Chief Engineer Birdsall said yesterday that the heavy rain would probably make the Croton water seem even worse than it was before. It would stir things up and the sediment in the bottom of the depleted reservoirs would come through the pipes in increasing quan-

"We need colder weather and another rainfall like this one," said the Chief Engineer, "in order to get the water back to its normal condition. As the water falls in the reservoirs the fish move down lower and lower, stirring up the sediment. The fish have really had a hard time. They have been drawn into the pumps and several times we have had to stop some of the pumps and clean them out. Occasionally eels have found their way into the pipes. The increased water supply in the basins will now send the fish back away from the pumps and a cold spell will stop the decomposition of vegetable matter so that the trouble with the water should not last long. The temperature of the water is now about 53 degrees. At 45 degrees the decomposition will cease."

There has been no increase of deaths from typhoid fever since the water became nasty. In Manhattan the figures are: order to get the water back to its normal con-

Week ending Nov. 24.
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and Roberts are on record as favoring a filtra-tion plut. With reference to the shortage in the water accounts alleged to have been made by Mr. de Berard. Commissioner Dalton, prior to going before the Grand Jury, explained that the ap-parent discrepancy was due to a computation bessed on estimates rather than measurement of water consumed. He complained that there were not enough meter inspectors in the de-partment to inspect the meters more than twice a year, whereas they should be inspected monthly.

TO SUCCEED HICHBORN.

Francis T. Bowles Will Be Appointed Chief Constructor of the Navy. WASHINGTON, Nov. 26 -It was stated au-

heritatively to-day that Naval Constructor Francis T. Bowles will be appointed Chief Constructor of the Navy on the retireme t for age of Chief Constructor Philip Hichborn on March
4, 1901. Constructor Bowles, although quite
a young man, is the senior officer of those
officers of the construction corps who were
e incated at the Naval Academy and received
a technical education in marine architecture.
He is fourth on the list of constructors, with the
relative rank of Captain.
Mr. Bowles entered the Naval Academy
in September, 1875, from Massachusetts and
graduated at the head of his class. Since
Aug. 1, 1805, he has been in charge of the Construction Department of the Brooklyn Navy
Yard. While at the Norfolk Navy Yard in
the 80s, he superintended the construction
of the battleship Texas, and when complaints
were made that the vessel would be unstable,
staked his professional reputation to the constructor Mr. Bowles will have the rank of Rear
Admiral. He was presented to President
McKinley to-day by Secretary Long. of Chief Constructor Philip Hichborn on March

VERDICT AGAINST GUATEMALA. Arbitrator Awards an American Railroad Con-

tractor \$140,000. WASHINGTON, Nov. 26. - The State Department was informed on unofficial but reliable ment was informed on unofficial but reliable authority to-day that Sir George F. B. Jenner, sole arbitrator in the claim of Robert H. May, a citizen of the United States, against the Government of Guatemala, has rendered an award in favor of May for \$140,000 American gold.

The claim arose out of the forcible seizure of a railroad which May was operating for the Guatemala Government. May had made a contract to operate the road for one year, for which he was to receive \$35,000 monthly and the earnings of the line. The contract was made in April, 1898, and existed until Oct. tober, 1898, when the Guatemala authorities seized the line. Since then the Government of Guatemala has been operating the road and collecting the revenues. May is from Tennessee. Sir George Jenner is the British Minister to Guatemala.

WORK AT ELLIS ISLAND.

Probable That the Main Immigrant Station Will Be Completed in Three Months.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.-The Supervising Architect's report says: "This office has spared on efforts in insisting upon expedition in the work of building the Ellis Island immigrant station and has endeavored in every way to secure more rapid progress in the work. It is probable that in the next three months the main building will be completed. The total expenditure on this building has been 800, 222 and \$229,304 was actually available on June 30 last for further work.

Army and Navy Orders. WASHINGTON, Nov. 26 .- These army orders have

been issued:

A Board of Survey to consist of Major Francis B. Jones, Quartermaster's Department, Major Earl D. Thomas, Fifth Cavairy, and Capt. Edwin P. Andrus, Fifth Cavairy, to meet at the War Department this city, to ascertain the ouantity of cuartermaster's supplies for which Major James W. Pope, Quartermaster's Department, should be held accountable at the Quartermaster's depot, at Tampa.

First Lieut. Herschel Tupes, First Infantry, from Hot Springs, Ark., to Columbus barracks for duty with recruits to the Philippine Islands and join his company. from San Francisco to Hot Springs, Ark., for medical treatment.
Second Lieut. Fred Van S. Chamberlain, Second Infantry, from New York to Fort Slocum for duty with recruits to the Philippine Islands.
Second Lieut. Alton B. Cusick, Forty-fourth Infantry, honorably discharged.
Capt. William W. Forsyth, Sixth Cavalry, assigned to Troop I, vice Capt. Henry T. Allen, to remain unassigned until further orders.

Major John Van R. Hoff, surgeon, from the Department of the Lakes to this city for duty in the office of the Surgeon General of the army.
Capt. Edmund K. Webster, Second Infantry, transferred from Company I to E. Capt. W. M. Wright, Second Infantry, assigned to Company I.

These naval orders have been issued: Lieut. G. R. Clark, granted sick leave for three months.
Lieut. William E. Safford, from the Philadelphia to the Independence.
Assistant Surgeon C. R. Burr, to duty on Monon-Paymaster J. C. Sullivan, from the Adams to duty on the Wisconsin. Assistant Paymaster F. M. Perkins, from the Mare Island Yard to the Adams.

War Veterans Call on the President.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26. - A delegation representing the various war veteran clubs organ ized for the late political campaign called on President McKinley to-day to pay their respects. The party was headed by Gen. Daniel E. Sickles of New York and among the visitors were Gen. Henry E. Tremaine of New York and Dr. George W. Brush, Gen. Horatlo C. King, Major Walter Thorn, Col. William J. Harding and Joseph W. Kay of Brooklyn.

New C. U. Central Committee

The Central City Committee of the Citizens Union held one of its executive sessions las evening at its headquarters, 42 East Twenty-third street, to arrange for its own extinction. It is to be succeeded by a delegated committee to be chosen by the district organizations on Dec. 8. The new Central City Committee will meet on Dec. 17 and organize for the municipal campaign. You Need Neither Worry Over Filthy Croton Water Nor Drink Flat Boiled Water.

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HOSPITALS IN NEW HANDS? Charter Bevisers Said to Propose an Unpaid

Emergency Hospital Board. The Medical Journal announces that it has information to the effect that the Sub-Committee on Charities of the Charter Revision Commission has recommended radical changes in the present management of the hospitals. According to the Journal the committee recommends to the commission that the emergency hospitals, which include Bellevue, Gouverneur, Harlem, Fordham and the Emergency Hospital for Women, be taken from the jurisdiction of the Department of Charities and put under the direction of a board of seven unpaid commissioners. At the same time the sub-committee recommends that the Charities Department be put under a single Commissioner and have charge of the Island hospitals, the almehouses, do. The Journal says that the only reason given by the committee for the proposed separation of the emergency hospitals from the distinctively charitable institutions was that they might be remeved from the influence of "practical politics." The Journal editorially condemns the change, pointing out that all of the hospitals are part of a great system in which the island institutions receive the overflow from the emergency group, and that the proposed division of hospitals would produce confusion in their management and result in a poorer service to the public.

President John W. Keller, in response to inquiries put to him by the Journal, woite a long letter condemning the proposed change. information to the effect that the Sub-Com-

Cornell Athlete Dies of Inflammation of the Spine.

ITHACA, Nov. 26.—Gustave Otto Beuck, a senior in Cornell University, died of myelitis at the Cornell infirmary to-day. The disease was brought on from a fall while tilting back in a chair. Mr. Beuck was a member of the Cornell track team.

Famous Murder Trial Evidence to hearsed in a Civil Action BATAVIA, N. T., Nov. 26 .- After having been

FIGHT OVER MRS. BENHAM'S WILL

convicted once of murdering his wife, Florence Tout Benham, obtaining a new trial from the Court of Appeals and securing his acquittal upon his second trial, Howard Curties Benham of this place will now be obliged to prove to the satisfaction of a jury of twelve men that he did not kill his wife before he will be allowed possession of the \$40,000 which Mrs. Beaham left The Benham murder case was the most san

sational that has wrought up western New York for many years. He was acquitted at Canandaigua last fall. He cannot be placed on trial again for his life, but the very facts brought out in the murder trial can be proved in the civil action about to be tried, and will be. The contest over Mrs. Benham's will was moved before Justice Nash in the Supreme Court today. The contest comes directly into the Supreme Court without the formality of a preliminary fight in the Surrogate's Court, after one or two hearings in the Surrogate's Court, the contestants informed the Surrogate's Court the contestants informed the Surrogate that they would allow the will probated without further contest, but had commenced the action which was to be placed on trial to-day.

The contest is made on the grounds that Howard C. Benham caused the death of his wife and that it is against public policy that he should inherit under the terms of the will. The whole evidence will have to be gone over again and submitted to a jury, who will say whether or not Benham killed his wife. Then the question of whether Benham should inherit or net will be decided by the Court. brought out in the murder trial can be proved



